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1. DR. OHYA, OF JAPANESE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HEALTH, ADVISES THAT VACCINE AGAINST JAPANESE B ENCEPHALITIS IS MANUFACTURED IN JAPAN BY NINE PRIVATE COMPANIES. TOTAL ANNUAL PRODUCTION APPROXIMATES 20,000 LITERS, BUT ONLY A PORTION REMAINS UNSOLD, AS JAPANESE ENCEPHALITIS SEASON ALREADY OVER.

2. VACCINE PRODUCED IN TWO FORMS: LIQUID AND FREEZE-DRIED. OHYA RECOMMENDS FREEZE-DRIED FOR USE IN HOT CLIMATE ON BASIS OF EXPERIENCE IN THAILAND AND TAIWAN. HOWEVER, FREEZE-DRIED APPARENTLY AVAILABLE ONLY FROM HANDAI BIKEN KAI COMPANY ON SPECIAL ORDER AT 350 YEN (1.32 DOLLARS) PER DOSE. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS NONE IN STOCK AND COMPANY CURRENTLY NOT PRODUCING. TIME REQUIRED TO RESTART PRODUCTION NOT KNOWN.

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3. LIQUID VACCINE PRODUCES IMMUNITY ONLY AFTER THREE WEEKS

OR MORE. AT LEAST 205,000 ONE-MILLILITER DOSES OF LIQUID
VACCINE AVAILABLE IN STOCK OF KUMAMOTO KESSEI KAGAKU COMPANY
IN KYUSHU. PRICE ABOUT 215 YEN (81 CENTS) PER DOSE. OTHER
COMPANIES' PRICES UNKNOWN, BUT AVAILABLE VOLUMES RELATIVELY
INSIGNIFICANT.

4. VACCINE CAN BE PROCURED DIRECTLY FROM PRODUCING COMPANIES.
IF GOI INTERESTED IN POSSIBILITY OF GOJ PROVIDING ASSISTANCE
IN PURCHASE, OVERSEAS TECHNICAL COOPERATION AGENCY OF FOREIGN
MINISTRY WOULD BE CONTACT POINT.

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